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and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 690 steerage passengers and 228 pieces of large and 800 pieces of small baggage. One hundred and sixty-six pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam. November 23, the Italian steamship *Cerea*, bound with cargo for New York. November 24, the steamship *Victoria*, of the Anchor Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 631 steerage passengers and 120 pieces of large and 788 pieces of small baggage. One hundred and forty one pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam. November 28, the steamship *Vincenzo Florio*, of the Italian General Navigation Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 859 steerage passengers and 170 pieces of large and 1,180 pieces of small baggage. Three hundred pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

Respectfully,

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JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama—Plague situation.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, November 19, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that, so far as I have been able to ascertain, but 4 or 5 cases of plague have occurred in Osaka since the date of my last report. In Kobe there appears to have been but 1 genuine case recently, though a second was returned as of a highly suspicious nature, which later was decided not to be of pest. The cold weather has now fairly set in, and it is probable that there will be few more cases in the infected district during its continuance, especially as the government is not relaxing its efforts to combat the disease.

Respectfully,

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MEXICO.

Yellow fever in Yucatan.

PROGRESO, November 30, 1900.

SIR: I regret to state that yellow fever has again appeared among the Americans working in Yucatan. About two months ago a construction company from the United States obtained the contract to build an iron or steel theater in the city of Motul, Yucatan. A gang of men came down from New York to do the work and it is among these men that the fever has appeared. One man, John Mollering, 272 East Tenth street, New York, N. Y., has died and several more are down, attacked by the same disease. It is a very unusual circumstance to have yellow fever anywhere in Yucatan at this season, even in the city of Merida, where it always occurs first, and doubly so in Motul, which is an inland city, very cleanly, and until now free from even the suspicion of yellow fever. The family of Mr. Mollering has been duly informed of his death by cable.

In this connection, and for the information of such as may apply to the Department, I would state that the sanitary laws of the State of